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The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Cy:

Thank you for your letter of 26 May, advising us that this Agency is included among those non-Department of Defense national security agencies whose requirements will be satisfied through the allocation of DOD communications facilities. Your letter confirms assurances received orally from the Director of the Defense Communications Agency.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Deputy Director

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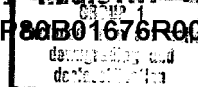
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The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Cy:

Admiral Raborn has asked me to express his appreciation for your letter of 26 May, advising him that the Central Intelligence Agency is included among those non-Department of Defense national security agencies whose requirements will be satisfied through the allocation of DOD communications facilities. Your letter confirms assurances received orally from the Director of the Defense Communications Agency.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Deputy Director

Or:

Director of Communications

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

26 MAY 1966

Honorable W. F. Raborn
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Red:

On April 25, 1966, I issued a policy memorandum covering the Department of Defense's role as a National Communications System Operating Agency, and our policy on the Use of DoD Communications Facilities by non-DoD Agencies. I have enclosed a copy of this memorandum for your information.

The memorandum identifies certain civil agencies directly concerned with national security but does not specifically mention the Central Intelligence Agency to avoid the necessity to classify. This is to advise you that the provisions of this memorandum do apply to CIA as a civil agency directly concerned with national security. In our role as an NCS Operating Agency, we will be fully responsive to your requirements in accordance with approved NCS plans. The Director, Defense Communications Agency, has been tasked with promulgating implementing instructions.

Sincerely,

Cg

Enclosure
a/s



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Use of DoD Communications Facilities by Non-
Department of Defense United States Agencies

The increasing number of requests for circuit allocations and service from the Defense Communications System (DCS) by non-Department of Defense (DoD) agencies makes it necessary to clarify the DoD policy with respect to such requests and establish procedures for provision of such services.

The role of the DCS has enlarged, since becoming an operating component of the National Communications System (NCS), to include the satisfaction of certain requirements of civil agencies directly concerned with national security (State, FAA, NASA) and other civil agencies with critical emergency requirements. The extent of this added responsibility is as set forth in approved NCS plans. Such commitments to provide service to these civil agencies are binding upon the DoD and must be satisfied during normal periods as well as periods of emergency as governed by NCS approved priorities. To assure that commitments can be met, the DCS will be planned, designed and sized to accommodate this added capability.

With respect to requests for service from non-DoD agencies not discussed above, the following policy applies:

a. The use of DCA facilities by other than DoD and the above-associated agencies will be limited to cases where spare facilities or unused capacity is available and then only on the basis of non-interference with priority traffic and subject to pre-emption or termination if traffic loads so dictate.

b. Increases in traffic loads occasioned by provision of such service cannot be cited as justification for programs to expand DCS facilities.

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Non-Defense agencies receiving service from DoD will be required to pay their pro rata share of costs associated with service furnished by the DCS on a long-term commitment basis. These charges will be based on DoD published rates or bilateral agreements. Requesting agencies are responsible for providing access lines and terminal equipment that are compatible with DCS facilities.

Non-DoD agencies will forward their requests for the use of DCS facilities to the Director, Defense Communications Agency, who will make a determination as to the availability of facilities within the DCS for providing the requested services. If the Director is capable of providing the service, he will so advise the requesting agency, include an estimate of the cost and review the restoration priority proposed to insure consistency with the NCS priority system. If service cannot be provided from DCS facilities, the Director, DCA, will so advise the agency and recommend, if possible, an alternate method of satisfying the requirement.

Any requests for non-DoD use of DoD facilities, not covered by the above, will be forwarded to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics) for determination on a case-by-case basis.

Implementing instructions will be promulgated by the Director, DCA.

C. J. Vance